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Application No:

09/420,419

Title:

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Applicant:

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October 10, 1999

Art Unit:

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Dear Sir:

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#### PETITION TO WITHDRAW THE HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 181(a), Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to withdraw the holding of Abandonment in the above noted application on the grounds that the application is in fact not abandoned.

The above-identified application was deemed to be abandoned by a Notice of Abandonment mailed by the United Stated Patent and Trademark Office on April 12, 2002. This abandonment has come to my attention as a result of an enquiry from our client. While I am aware that the time for receiving an Office Action in some cases have been in excess of well over a year, and although the due dates on this case were continually checked, the time since any activity had occurred on this application seemed overly excessive and our client has been inquiring. To check the case, I requested our Washington Associate, Landon Stark Cantwell & Paxton to obtain a copy of the file history. We became aware that the

3636 \$11 Patolin Dans application was deemed to be abandoned on September 2, 2004 when we received the copy of the file history. A copy of the file history is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

According to our records, the last action on this file was a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) which I personally filed by facsimile on March 25, 2002 and which was received in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on that date as confirmed by the copy of the auto reply facsimile transmission. A copy of the original RCE, Response and Petition for Extension of Time dated March 25, 2002 along with a copy of the auto reply facsimile transmission confirming the receipt of the transmission in the United States Patent and Trademark Office is attached hereto as Exhibit "B". As noted on the Search Notes in the File History, the filing of the RCE was apparently confirmed with the Examiner on April 10, 2002.

When a paper from the United States Patent and Trademark Office is received it is passed over to a clerk for entry into our computerized diary system. I am familiar with the operation of the computerized diary system as I was involved in the setting up and implementation of the diary system. If the Notice of Abandonment from the United States Patent and Trademark Office in this application had been received, a due date for reinstatement of the application would have been diarized in the file record. Attached hereto as Exhibit "C" is a printout of the record in our diary system of the above-identified patent application. This record indicates that there are no outstanding due dates according to our system and that there were 14 prior due dates removed. The last due date removed is the one dated March 24, 2002, code USAB for filing of the Appeal Brief in a appeal which was completed on Monday, March 25, 2002 by filing the RCE. Our computerized diary system maintains a log of all entries and changes to a record. A copy of the log for the record in our computerized diary system for this patent application is also enclosed as Exhibit "D" which is in reverse date order showing that the last entry was on March 26, 2002 when the due date for filing the Appeal Brief was removed by the clerk, Arlene Morris, as the RCE had been filed.

I have personally searched our file records and can find no indication that the Notice of Abandonment was received in our office.

In view of the fact that the Request for Continued Examination was properly filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on the extended due date of March 25, 2002, it is submitted that the application was not, in fact, abandoned. As soon as we became aware of the state of the application, I immediately prepared this Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon

Respectfully submitted,

Agent.on Behalf of Applicant

John C. Jeffrey

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# EXHIBIT "A"

## EXHIBIT "B"

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Dear Sir:

#### PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136

It is respectfully requested that an Extension of Time for the period indicated below be granted in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 to take the action required in the application identified in caption, as reflected by the papers submitted.

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